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## **REMARKS**

The further amendments presented herein to claims 26, 28, 31, 36, 39, 49, 53 and 54 do not, Applicant respectfully submits, affect any of the arguments presented in the Amendment filed October 8, 1998. The amendments are submitted to clarify the claims.

Support for the amendments to claims 26, 49, 53 and 54 find support at page 15, lines 24-25. The amendments to claims 28, 31, 36 and 39 find support at page 4, lines 16-20. Support for other amendments is as set forth in the Amendment filed October 8, 1998.

## **Closing Remarks**

The Applicants reserve the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the canceled claims, the claims to non-elected inventions, the claims as originally filed, and any other claims supported by the specification. The cancellation of the claims made herein was done solely expedite or otherwise facilitate prosecution and was not done nor should it be construed to have been done to overcome any issue of unpatenability of the claims as they existed prior to such cancellation.

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In light of these amendments and the remarks of the Amendment filed October 8, 1998, it is respectfully submitted that the Amendment should be entered, the rejections should be withdrawn, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

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